use of Mono-Sodium Glutamate as has been done in several other countries; and

(c) whether it is a fact that sale and use of this chemical in the country is illegal; if so, what action is proposed to clarify the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) A reference has been made to Ministry of Information & Broadcasting requesting that the advertisements of those foods which contain Mono-Sodium Glutamate be examined to ensure that pictures of children are not used for promoting the food products.

(b) and (c) No such ban has been contemplated under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. At present there is no manufacturer of this item in the country.

Lifting of samples by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi

2827. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, Delhi is conducting raids on the wholesalers/manufactureres of Pickles/Confectionery/Khoya/Silver leaves / Milk Powder/Milk Polypackers;

(b) if so, the number of samples lifted from them during the months of June, July and August, 1990; and

(c) the details of the samples lifted and further action proposed by the Government to lift their samples regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c) As per information made available by Delhi Admn., the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi is conducting raids and taking samples of various food articles from wholesalers/manufacturers and retailers. No Sample from wholesalers/manufacturers of pickles/confectionery/khoya/silver leaves/milk powder/milk polypackers has been taken during the months of June, July and Aug., 1990, because the staff was deputed for checking hygienic conditions of food articles sold to public and for survey-cum-Educational Programme with a view to preventing outbreak of diarrhoeal and other diseases to reduce mortlaity and morbidity particularly among weaker sections of the Society. However, samples of various food articles have been lifted from retailers during the above said period, the details of which are given in statement (*See below*).

Statement

No. of samples lifted during the months of June, July and August, 1990

Category of Food Stuff	No. of Samples lifted
June, 1990	NIL
July, 1990	
Spices	1
Milk Product	3
Edible Oil	1
Cereal	13
Miscellaneous	1
TOTAL	19
August, 1990	
Beverages (Sweetened Carbonated Water)	6